

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF DERRY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 22, 1860.

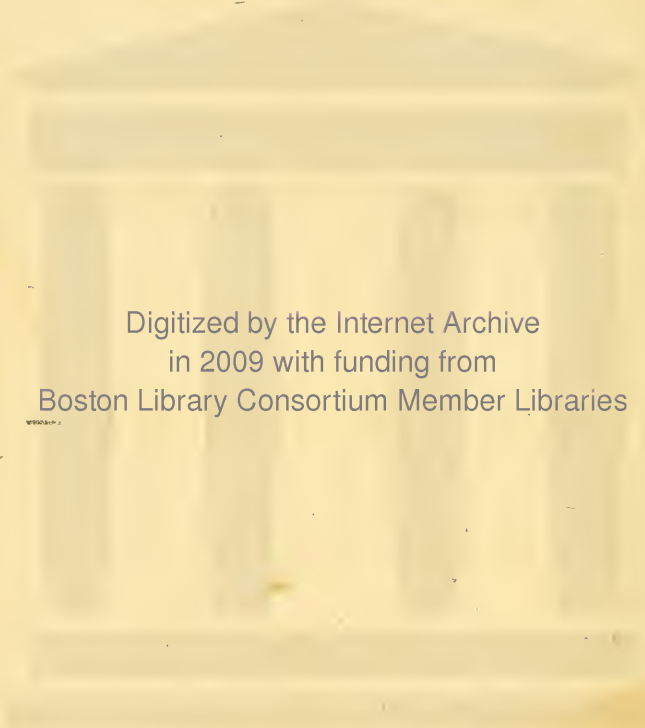
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SNOW PATHS.

1859.

March	2,	To paid Robert W. Adams.....	3 75
	5,	H. B. Humphrey.....	6 68
		S. A. Clough.....	21 18
		Sam'l Adams, 2d.....	5 00
		David Stinson.....	5 88
		Samuel Clark.....	1 95
		Charles Choate.....	9 58
		Horace Tilton.....	5 88
	8,	Joseph Coombs.....	2 11
		Nath'l Hastings.....	5 64
		Allen Proctor.....	6 12
		A. J. Hall.....	7 96
		D. M. Emery.....	11 87
		J. H. Waterman.....	7 96
		John Hemphill.....	5 40
	9	M. S. Boynton... ..	17 16
		Silas Proctor.....	7 80
		J. Hazeleton.....	13 56
		J. C. Drew.....	8 30
		Geo. N. Kimball.....	13 68
		Moses G. Steele.....	13 08
		Sam'l C. Bailey....	23 64
		Moses Webster.....	4 75
April	17,	Geo. A. Stinson.....	6 48
May	12,	David G. Green.....	3 33
Aug.	12,	John Boynton.....	1 12
		Robert H. Smyth.....	1 00
		N. A. Bray.....	5 40
		Robert Taylor.....	2 06
Dec.	23,	Thaddeus Wheeler.....	8 92
		Peter J. Horn.....	9 50

		George Moore,.....	3 25
		Samuel Wilson.....	5 04
		George Shute.....	1 25
		Wm. Ela.....	5 42
		Wm. Emery.....	7 54
		Wm. P. Jenkins.....	4 84
		E. G. Perham.....	2 00
		John Nichols.....	7 74
1860.			
Feb.	11,	Robert Taylor....	5 69
		Samuel Marshall.....	2 64
		Samuel Wilson.....	72
		G. R. N. Sargent.....	5 94
		Robert Clendenin.....	3 24
	20	Wesley Lowe.....	9 72
		J. L. Fletcher,.....	4 17
		J. Y. James.....	11 72
		H. P. Hood.....	1 00
		David Clement.....	6 72
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			\$335 38

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1857.			
Sept.	To paid	John Baker,.....	1 40
1859.			
March	8,	Daniel M. Emery	1 20
		J. Hazelton.....	1 20
		J. C. Drew.....	75
		Alex. Macgregor land, damage widening road.....	15 50
June	8,	Joseph Gregg land, damage.....	15 00
Aug.	12,	J. Adams, repairs on Clendenin road....	25 00
Sept.	12,	Geo. F. Adams, stone for bridge near mill	8 00
		J. H. Jones.....	1 00
Oct.	1,	Robert Taylor.....	8 44
		Robert Taylor.....	2 93
	3,	Benj. Barker, Ford-way bridge.....	325 00
		Edward Ballou land, damage wid'ng road	53 00
		G. R. N. Sargent.....	1 50
		Benj. Barker, Pond bridge,.....	4 12

		Benj. Barker, extra work Ford-way bridge	15 37
		W. N. Wilkinson.....	2 30
		James H. Crombie.....	2 00
1860.			
		Robert Taylor.....	62
Feb.	21,	Robert Clendenin.....	1 62
		Daniel Carr.....	4 37
		J. L. Fletcher.....	2 20
		Wesley Low.....	2 69
		Rufus Boyd.....	2 50
		Peter J. Horne.....	2 00
		A. Reynolds.....	1 79
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			\$501 50

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAXES:

1858.		To paid Moses Webster, non-resident highway tax-	
		es on list of 1858.....	11 55
		Wm. Ela.....	93
		Robert W. Adams.....	7 25
		Daniel M. Emery.....	2 07
		J. H. Waterman.....	5 29
		Geo. N. Kimball.....	91
1859			
July	29,	Daniel Carr.....	2 08
Aug.	12,	John Boynton.....	23
		Robert McMurphy.....	5 91
Oct.	1,	Robert Taylor.....	1 77
Nov.	17,	G. R. N. Sargent.....	93
		Jacob Sheldon.....	3 37
Dec.	26,	George Moore.....	2 12
		Benj. Adams.....	2 28
		W. N. Wilkinson.....	22
1860.			
Feb.	11,	Samuel F. Taylor.....	57
		E. G. Shute, as per receipts taken up....	36 67
		Robert Clendenin.....	5 06
	20,	Wesley Low.....	36
		Wm. Emery.....	2 19
		J. L. Eletcher.....	6 07
	22,	Wm. C. Ela.....	4 13
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			\$101 96

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

1859.			
March	8,	To paid Dan'l J. Day, school house tax, 1858,...	52
		Jane Smyth.....	3 00
1860			
Jan.	28,	Parker Adams.....	1 37
Feb.	1,	Moses Webster, on list of 1858.....	59 65
		Moses Webster.....	3 30
		Dan'l J. Day.....	1 83
		E. M. Hilliard.....	1 50
		Jeremiah Hayes.....	4 23
		E. G. Shute, list of 1859.....	42 82
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			\$118 22

GRAVE YARD.

1859.			
March	9,	To paid J. Hazelton, digging grave for Mr. Hall..	1 25
		A. Reynolds, Locks for gates.....	90
1860.			
Jan.	24,	P. B. Stevens, digging graves.....	15 00
Feb.	22,	P. B. Stevens, digging graves and putting eight bodies in Tomb.....	30 00
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			\$47 15

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

1859.			
March	9,	To paid Fisk & Gage, Town accounts	26 50
May	2,	Fisk & Stearns, highway surveying books	4 00
Sep.	9,	G. Parker Lyon, record books for mort- gages, births, marriages, &c.....	17 00
1860.			
Feb.	22,	A. Reynolds, postage and stationery.....	3 97
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			\$51 47

TRANSIENT POOR.

1858.			
		To paid Sam'l Clark 2d, wood for Geo. Alexander	5 00
		B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell....	9 50

1859.			
Oct.	12,	Albert Thompson, wood for Mrs. McMurphy.....	1 37
Nov.	16,	B. F. Gregg, board of Mrs. Caldwell....	14 00
Dec.	15,	J. H. Adams, wood for G. Alexander....	20 00
1860.			
Jan.	28,	N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Austin..	18 24
		James H. Crombie, medical attendance family of R. McMurphy.....	15 56
Feb.	11,	Sam'l C. Bailey, wood for Geo. Alexander	4 00
		Sam'l Marshall, wood for G. Alexander..	1 87
		Isaac Howe.....	3 00
		J. T. G. Dinsmore, R. McMurphy.....	2 50
		N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Major...	8 27
		N. H. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Fellows..	4 45
		N. H. Brown, supplies furnished Mary King.....	8 22
		N. H. Brown, supplies furnished Mrs R. McMurphy.....	7 09
	18,	Joseph Ripley, supplies for Mary King...	50
		J. M. Usher, " " " ...	9 60
		R. A. Clement.....	1 25
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			\$134 42

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

1859.		
	To paid H. L. Boltwood Commissioner for Teacher's Institute.....	22 92

EDUCATION.

1859.						
	To paid School District No.	1,	School money....			223 64
	"	"	"	2,	"	216 89
	"	"	"	3,	"	59 38
	"	"	"	4,	"	117 92
	"	"	"	5,	"	73 44
	"	"	"	6,	"	66 53
	"	"	"	7,	"	132 86
	"	"	"	8,	"	125 87
	"	"	"	9,	"	91 35

		To paid School District No. 10, School money,	30 00.
		“ “ “ “ 11, “ “	67 48
		“ “ “ “ 12, “ “	65 78
		“ “ “ “ 7 Chester “	6 87
		School house tax 7 “ “	15 30
Aug. 12,		F. W. Taylor, for building school house shed	47 50
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			\$1,340 81

OUTSTANDING ORDERS.

1859.

To paid outstanding orders for 1858.....	302 37
State tax.....	401 10
County tax	1,004 03
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	\$1,707 50

TOMB.

1859.

May 18,	To paid Henry Hayes, stone.....	40 00
Oct. 12,	McClure & Richardson, stone for front...	138 00
	T. W. Hoxie & Co., cement.	14 00
Nov. 6,	Sam'l Clark 2d	10 75
	J. W. Alexander, board.....	5 78
25,	Robert McCartee.....	29 16
	Benj. Barker.....	34 00
	James Priest, cement.....	8 25
	Daniel Shattuck, teaming stone.....	6 50
	Jacob Sheldon.....	14 00
Dec. 23,	Geo. Moore, stone.....	1 25
	Wm. C. Palmer, stone.....	14 00
	Charles C. Parker.....	60 00
	Geo. Redfield.....	1 00
	Albert Redfield.....	2 50
	John Black,.....	2 10
	John Shannon.....	9 00
	J. M. Wood, cement.....	1 15
	Daniels & Forsaith, iron for frame.....	12 07
	J. Q. O. Sargent & Co., gas pipe.....	6 00
	J. M. & S. F. Stanton, door.....	34 47
	E. Gage, stone steps.....	15 00
	T. R. Robie.....	14 55
	Cemetery Association Lot.....	25 00

F. A. Brown, lettering front.....	6 00
N. H. Brown, powder &c..	74
A. Thompson.....	2 87
M. & L. Railroad freight.....	50
Stephen Reynolds.....	12 00
A. Reynolds, for thirty-seven and one-half day's service.....	37 50
A. Reynolds, expenses at Manchester....	1 75
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	\$559 89
By cement on hand.....	7 00
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Cost of tomb.....	\$552 89

NOTES PAID.

1859.			
March	30,	To paid Moses Webster,.....	400 00
1860.			
Feb.	1,	Lydia E. Smith,.....	100 00
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			\$500 00

INTEREST PAID.

1859.			
March	30,	To paid Moses Webster.....	5 80
April	16,	Benj. Kimball.....	13 69
Nov.	17,	Betsey Stinson.....	46 17
1860.			
Feb.	1,	Lydia E. Smith.....	24 93
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			\$90 59

ALMSHOUSE.

1857.			
Feb.	24,	To paid T. R. Robie, blacksmith work.....	3 73
		R. W. Adams,	3 75
1860.			
Sept.	19,	Wm. D. Clark.....	25 00
Oct.	12,	A. Thompson.....	19 72
Nov.	17,	Abram Bean, pasturing cattle....	10 00
Jan.	14,	Wm. C. Palmer.....	5 50
		T. R. Robie, blacksmith work.....	5 03
		Ben'. Merrill.....	1 50

Feb.	11,	Wm. Leach, supplies...	14 42
		Isaac Howe, shoes.....	2 72
		John Folsom....	27 23
		D. C. Palmer, repairing waggon &c....	7 50
		C. C. Parker, supplies.....	30 78
		J. T. G. Dinnsmore, 1858.....	3 40
		N. H. Brown, supplies.....	39 88
	20,	Lucien Harper, supplies.....	10 03
		Eastman Brothers, supplies.....	31 43
	22,	Wm. D. Clark, salary of two hundred dol-	
		lars less the balance due on settle-	
		ment, \$7 32.....	192 68
		Henry Hayes, services.....	15 00
		L. Wilson.....	13 46
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			\$462 76

N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1859.			
May	1st,	To paid N. H. Asylum, board of Sarah Cowdry..	35 02
		John G. Bond.....	45 36
Aug.	9,	Sarah Cowdry, board.....	36 25
		John G. Bond.....	30 00
1860.			
Feb.	20,	J. G. Bond and Sarah Cowdry, board...	139 92
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			\$286 55

TOWN OFFICERS.

1859.			
Feb.	2,	To paid Wm. H. Oram.....	20 00
		J. Montgomery, Auditor.....	1 18
		Alexis Proctor, Sup. School Com. 1858..	42 50
		H. E. Eastman, Selectman.....	8 04
		John Folsom, Selectman.....	6 00
1860.			
Feb.	20,	J. H. Adams, Selectman.....	60 00
		N. H. Brown.....	60 00
		Geo. W. Barker services as Town Clerk..	20 00
		A. Reynolds, Selectman.....	69 74
		Henry Hayes, Liquor agent.....	40 00
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			\$327 46

MOSES WEBSTER, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1858.	Ballance of list 1858, in hands of Collector	\$2,100 00
	Cr.	
1859.	By amount paid on list of 1858.....	\$2,100 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

1858.			
May	2,	To paid Cheney & Co.'s Express.....	76
		Mathew Holmes, affidavit of A. Clough..	1 25
1860.			
Feb.	1st,	Moses Webster, guaranteeing taxes, 1858.	15 00
	11,	H. E. Eastman, express bill.....	25
		Edmund Adams, watering place.....	3 00
		E. Cogswell, care of Parish Hall.....	6 00
	13,	W. Storer, bringing town accounts from	
		Manchester.....	1 00
		W. Storer, care of Parish Hall.....	6 00
		Robert Clendenin, watering place.....	3 00
	20,	G. C. Bartlett, Legal service.....	8 00
		John Porter, Legal service, 1858.....	3 00
		R. T. Chase, services.....	70
		A. Reynolds, enrolling soldiers	2 00
		Joseph Johnson, watering place.....	3 00
			<u>\$52 96</u>

E. G. SHUTE, Collector of Taxes, Dr.

1859.	To amount of tax list 1859.....	\$4,316 84
	Cr.	
1859.	By amount paid on list of 1859.....	2,850 50
	By Balance of list of 1859 in hands of	
	Collector.....	1,466 34
		<u>\$4,316 84</u>

1859. WILLIAM H. ORAM, Treasurer, Dr.

To balance in Treasury 1859.....	535 13
cash of Moses Webster, collector list 1858	2,100 00
cash of E. G. Shute, list 1859.....	1,445 25
cash of Town of Northfield, board of Han- nah Clough.....	26 00
received of town of Salem, on account of Mrs. Austin.....	5 00
cash rec'd of Sup. of Almshouse.....	79 22
rec'd of C. C. Parker, balance on settle- ment of Liquor agency.....	53 38
rec'd of J. Montgomery.....	32 75
Henry Hayes, on acc't of Liquor agency.	161 17
literary fund for state.....	126 55
Railroad Tax.....	174 86
rec'd of Selectmen, money hired for use of town.....	310 00
Wm. J. Hall's note	7 67
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	\$5,057 08
	Cr.

1859.

By amount of outstanding orders 1858..	302 37
By orders paid 1859.....	4,618 59
Wm. J. Hall's note.....	7 67
cash in Treasury.....	128 45
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	\$5,057 08

HENRY HAYES, Liquor Agent, Dr.

1859. To whole amount of Liquor sold from March 22, 1859, to Feb. 16, 1860,.....	285 75
Cash from sale of Casks,.....	1 00
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	\$286 75

1859.

By cash paid State Liquor agt. for liquors as per bill,	119 40
Cash paid M. & L. Railroad, freight " "	3 81
Paid freight from Depot to agency,.....	1 87
Postage and Stationery,.....	50
Balance of cash paid the town on settlement,...	161 17
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	\$286 75

BALANCE SHEET of Liquor Agency, Dr.

1859.	To amount of Liquor casks, &c. from C. C. Parker,	190 62
	Cash paid State Liquor agt. for liquors,.....	119 40
	Freight, Postage, &c.,.....	6 18
	Salary of agent for 1859,.....	40 00
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		\$356 20
1859.		Cr.
	By value of liquor, casks &c., as actually measured,	
	by Selectmen, Feb. 16, 1860,.....	80 00
	Sales of liquors and casks,.....	286 75
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		366 75
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		356 20
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	Profit to the town,.....	\$10 55

NOTES. PAYABLE.

1856.		
Sept. 15,	Lorenzo Kimball,.....	150 00
Sept. 24,	Lilley Cochran,.....	42 00
1857.		
Aug. 11.	Margaret Adams,.....	861 00
Aug. 11.	Ithamar Hubbard,.....	100 00
1859.	Sarah Moore,.....	458 40
Feb. 22,	Geo. N. Warner,.....	716 83
April 3,	Benjamin Kimball,.....	200 00
" 25,	George Moore,.....	52 47
	Geo. Moore,.....	293 17
Nov. 1st,	Betsey Stinson,.....	128 26
	Jennette Humphrey,.....	110 00
	Benjamin Barker,....	100 00
	Jenette Humphrey, ...	100 00
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		\$3312 13

INTEREST DUE.

1859.	Interest due on above notes,.....	\$174 02
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1859.

To paid, snow paths,....	335 38
roads and bridges.....	501 50
non-resident highway taxes,.....	101 96
abatement of taxes,.....	118 22
grave yard,.....	47 15
books and stationery,.....	51 47
transient poor,.....	134 42
Teachers' Institute,.....	22 92
education,.....	1340 81
tomb,.....	559 89
notes paid,.....	500 00
interest paid,.....	90 59
Alms House,.....	462 76
Insane Asylum,.....	286 55
town officers,.....	327 46
miscellaneous,.....	52 96
out-standing orders,.....	302 37
State tax,.....	401 10
County tax,.....	1004 03
cash in treasury,.....	128 45

 \$6769 99

RECEIPTS.

1859.

To cash in Treasury 1859,.....	535 13
“ of Moses Webster on list of 1858,....	2100 00
“ “ E. G. Shute, list of 1859,.....	2850 48
“ “ Town of Northfield, board of H. Clough,.....	26 00
“ “ Town of Salem, on account of Mrs. Austin,.....	5 00
“ received of Sup't of Alms House,..	79 22
“ “ C. C. Barker, balance on settlement of Liquor Agency,..	53 38
“ “ J. Montgomery,.....	32 75
“ “ Henry Hayes on account of Liquor Agency,.....	161 17
Literary Fund for State,.....	126 55
Railroad tax,.....	174 86
money hired for use of Town,.....	310 00
outstanding orders,.....	315 45

 \$6769 99

TOWN OF DERRY, BALANCE SHEET.

1859.	Dr.
To notes payable,.....	3312 13
interest on notes,.....	174 02
outstanding orders,.....	315 45
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	\$3801 60
	Cr.
By uncollected taxes,....	1466 34
due from County,.....	550 12
cash invested in liquors,.....	80 00
due from town of Salem for supplies furnished Mrs.	
Austin,.....	18 24
due from J. Montgomery and others, on Alms-house	
account,.....	33 15
cash in Treasury,.....	128 45
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	2276 30
Town debt to balance,	1525 30
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	\$3801 60

JOSIAH H. ADAMS, } *Selectmen*
 ALFRED REYNOLDS, } *of*
 N. H. BROWN, } *Derry.*

INVOICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS-
HOUSE, FEB. 22, 1860.

2 oxen.....	\$145 00
6 young cattle.....	125 00
8 cows.....	230 00
2 sheep	5 00
1 horse.....	125 00
4 swine.....	30 00
Hay.....	240 00
Ox waggon and cart.....	40 00
Plows, Harrows &c.....	18 00
Sled and Wheelbarrow.....	4 00
Yokes and chains.....	12 00

Shovels and forks.....	4 00
Mill and Pulley.....	10 00
Harnesss &c.....	16 00
Sleigh and wagon... ..	35 00
Hay cutter and Horse rake.....	12 00
Axes, iron bar, &c.....	10 00
Lumber on hand.....	10 00
Wood.....	125 00
Potatoes and other roots.....	70 00
Beef, pork and ham.....	85 00
Lard, butter and candles.....	22 00
Soap.....	10 00
Corn and other grain.....	19 00
Cider and vinegar.....	20 00
Flour	6 00
Grindstone and haying tools.....	7 00
Beans and dried apples.....	15 00
Buffalo robe.....	5 00
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	\$1,455 00

BALANCE SHEET OF ALMSHOUSE,

1859

	Dr.
To amount of orders on Treasury.....	462 76
Bills paid Superintendent.....	117 44
Personal property at Almshouse Feb. 22, 1859.....	1,693 00
Amount due from County for balance of year 1858...	123 20
Cash on hand, Feb. 22, 1859.....	2 94
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	\$2,399 34
	Cr.
By amount sold from farm.....	201 04
\$86 54 of which has been expended for use of Town.	
Personal property at Almshouse Feb. 22, 1860.....	1,455 00
Due from County.....	550 12
George Shute.....	
B. F. Gregg.....	1 95
E. H. Carlton.....	30

C. H. Copp.....	15
E. G. Shute.....	3 75
J. Montgomery.....	21 00
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	2,239 31
Expense for Almshouse.....	160 03
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	\$2,399 34

In conformity to custom, we respectfully submit our financial report as above. The balance sheet shows a town debt of \$1525.30, being an increase from last year of \$451.43, caused by the increased bills for snow paths, the building of the receiving tomb, and the re-building of the fordway bridge. The bills for snow paths have been \$323.65 more than last year. Without any directions or appropriation even from the town, we built the receiving tomb according to our best judgement. Compared with the cost of similar constructions, it has been economically built. The fordway bridge has been re-built, in our opinion, in the most permanent manner.

It will be seen that the actual expense of the almshouse has been \$160.03. In justice to the Superintendent, however, we would remark that we find as much personal property at the almshouse as when we came into office, but we have, as we believe, reduced the rate of valuation.

The liquor agency has been conducted strictly according to the statute. The capital now invested in liquors is less than \$100, as we believe amply sufficient for the purpose. The agency has made a profit to the town of \$10.55. We are perfectly satisfied with the management of its affairs by the agent.

We invite the attention of the town to the improvements made, and hope they will be satisfactory. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. ADAMS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
A. REYNOLDS,	
N. H. BROWN.	

of Derry.

I the undersigned, Auditor have this day examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto.

J. MONTGOMERY, AUDITOR.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—Your Committee having endeavored during the past year to perform his duty “according to the best of his ability, and agreeably to the constitution and laws,” and being about to resign his trust, respectfully submits the following report :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss S. A. M. Alexander, of Derry, Teacher.

Miss A. is an experienced, energetic and faithful instructor. The pupils were carefully and thoroughly instructed in all branches, and they made excellent progress. The exercises at the closing examination were highly creditable to both teacher and scholars, and satisfactory to the committee. The teacher had one evil to contend with—irregularity in attendance. This obstacle, so detrimental to the success of our schools, parents should endeavor, as far as possible, to remove.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Benjamin Warner, of Derry, Teacher.

We have scarcely witnessed a more interesting school than was this. At our last visit not a single scholar gave an unsatisfactory answer to the numerous questions asked by the teacher and committee. All the exercises deserved much praise, and we think the reading could hardly be surpassed. The articulation was distinct, accompanied with correct emphasis. The character of the teacher is too well known to need any praise here. We only add that his reputation has not suffered by his efforts in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Martha B. Dinsmore, of Derry, Teacher.

This was Miss D.'s first attempt to perform the arduous duties of a school teacher, and the result of her labors show that she has not mistaken her calling. Although the discipline of the school was hardly as good as we could wish, at our visit soon after the commencement, there was great improvement in this respect during the term. The order of the school on the afternoon of the closing examination was good, and the various exercises satisfactory.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. Wm. Marshall, of Derry, Teacher.

Owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the amount of school money in this district, the teacher was obliged to close the school several days sooner than was anticipated, consequently the scholars had no opportunity to review their several studies. We spent two hours in the school on the day prior to the close. The recitations in arithmetic were prompt and correct, and the reading reflected much credit upon scholars and teacher, and justly entitled them to the approbation of the committee. Mr. M. has before taught in this town to the satisfaction of all interested.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Orpah Clark, Teacher.

At the close of the summer term all the classes were examined in the different branches to which they had attended, and it was evident that commendable progress had been made. The order of the school was good.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher. It appeared well at the time of our visit soon after the commencement, but as the school closed without the knowledge of the committee, and as we have as yet received no return from it, we can say nothing farther in regard to it.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss M. L. Cochran, of Windham, Teacher.

All branches taught here were *well* taught, and the progress made was such as received the approbation of the writer and numerous parents and others present at the closing examination. The recitation in mental arithmetic reflected much credit upon the teacher, and showed that the scholars had been accustomed to think for themselves. The readiness exhibited in solving and explaining the problems, gave good evidence that the pupils had a good understanding of this very important study. The reading and declamation were also praiseworthy. The good taste displayed in decorating the school-room for the occasion was very pleasing to all present.

WINTER TERM.—This school contained more scholars this term than any other in town—a large number, however, are quite young. We are induced to believe that this is the most peaceable district in town, as the parents here have permitted their children to be instructed two winter terms by a person who did not procure a *certificate* of the Superintendent. Of course, if the district are satisfied, it would be compromising the dignity of the committee to interfere.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The Summer and Winter terms of this school were taught by Miss S. A. Gregg, of this town, who is known as a faithful teacher. She was assiduous in her endeavors here to benefit those intrusted to her care. The want of energy and enthusiasm on the part of the scholars prevented the school from making a desirable appearance at the close of the summer term. We are happy to say, however, that through the laborious efforts of the teacher, the scholars made commendable progress during the winter term.

The teacher very justly complains of the uncomfortable condition of the school-house. She informs us through her report that during the cold weather it was impossible to keep warm in any part of the house.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss D. J. Griffin of Sundown. There are hardly scholars enough here to be entitled to the name of a school. During the Summer term it is feared that there was hardly *life* enough for the benefit of the school, yet the scholars made progress in their studies. The Winter term was characterized by more energy on the part of all, and with the addition of one or two more scholars. The closing examination was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Abbie F. Kimball has now taught this school *two* summers, which is a good recommendation as to the satisfaction she has given as a teacher. At the close of the term all the exercises were prompt, and gave satisfactory evidence that the teacher had been faithful in the discharge of her duties, and that the school had been a profitable one to the scholars. Nearly all the pupils were punctual in their attendance.

WINTER TERM.—Mr. O. S. Boynton, a resident of the district, here made his first attempt at teaching. He has a good education, and would doubtless meet with good success in a school of a different character. It is believed, however, that he is possessed of a disposition a little too amiable to enable him to govern and instruct a school where there is not that harmony and kind feeling existing so essential to the prosperity of the school. Knowing as we do that there are many excellent scholars in this district, we believe the school might, with judicious management, rank as one of the best in town. In a district divided against itself, the cause of education cannot flourish for any length of time. We think the parents here desire to have a *good school*, and in order to have such, when a good teacher is employed (and no other need be employed) he must have the hearty co-operation of the *District*.

That our successor may be able to report this school as taking its proper rank among the schools in town, is the earnest desire of the writer.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss E. A. Marshall, of the District, who well sustained her previous reputation as an excellent teacher. The scholars appeared quiet, diligent and happy. The good appearance of the school at the closing examination could have been foretold by any one who knew the character of the teacher and scholars.

The Winter term was under the care of Mr. Geo. I. Choate, also resident of the district. The exercises in this school at our last visit were of necessity much hurried, for the reason that the school in No. 9 closed on the same day. The first class in reading received the approbation of the committee, and the classes in Arithmetic and Geography also deserved praise. The order during our stay was creditable to all concerned. The teacher's reputation is well known, as he has taught several terms in this town. We will only add that his own district has given him the best possible recommendation by employing him the *second term*.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Martha J. Storer, of Derry, who is a thorough scholar and an energetic teacher. The scholars progressed rapidly and everything they learned *was well learned*. They entertained a kind regard for their teacher, consequently good order was a pleasing characteristic of the school. The exercises at the final examination were exceedingly interesting.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Mr. Shepherd of Nashua, who had never before taught school. The more advanced scholars read creditably, and a class in mental arithmetic appeared remarkably well, while the other recitations evinced little or no thought. The school-room was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the scholars orderly and quiet. And we would be glad to say the general appearance was in *keeping*, but it would require a very elastic conscience to do so. There are the elements in this district of a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Only one term, which was taught by Miss M. J. Storer. This is a very small school, but the parents take a lively interest in educating their children, and consequently scholars of this district, considering their advantages, compare favorably with those of other and larger districts. The school appeared remarkably well at the commencement. We are sorry to say that circumstances entirely beyond our control prevented our visiting it at the close. Parents speak favorably of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Julia M. Currier of Derry, Teacher.

We found on inspection this school soon after its commencement, in a flourishing condition as might be expected in a school taught by an experienced and successful teacher. Notice was sent us of the time when the term was to close, but was not received until after the school had closed. Consequently we were not present.

FALL TERM.—The fall term was taught by Miss Abbie J Palmer, who is quite young and has had but little experience in teaching. She labored faithfully, and although the scholars are nearly all small, they made progress. A little more life would have added much to the appearance of the school.

DISTRICT No. 12.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Mary A. Tenney, of Chester. Although she had never taught before, she was very successful in imparting instruction to her pupils. By a judicious course of oral instruction, her scholars learned many useful lessons. The want of *good order* at the closing examination detracted much from the otherwise good appearance of the school.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Laura H. Moor, who resides in the district. She proved herself to be a faithful and successful teacher. Good improvement was made by all the scholars in the several branches studied, and the appearance of the school at the close was satisfactory.

GENERAL REMARKS.

PARENTAL CO-OPERATION.

Your Committee, in concluding this report, would urge parents to be more interested in our schools. Rest assured that your feelings and actions give a tone to the feelings of your children, and either inspire them with an ambition for progress and improvement, or fix upon them the *lead*en stamp of indifference and sloth. The character and success of our schools depends very much upon the influence exerted over the scholars by parents. Their interest and co-operation are necessary to enable the teacher to instil into the minds of his pupils that genuine love of knowledge which is so essential in its acquirement. Parents should not abandon the school to the sole superintendence of the committee, but each and all should feel that the interests of the school are

in a measure in their own hands, and that all should unitedly lend their best energies in elevating the character of the same. Let the sentiment everywhere prevail that there must be *good order and good government* preserved in our schools. Let it be felt too, that the decided action and co-operation of parents can alone secure such. Let the influence at *home* be always decidedly in favor of an education. This influence is most important upon the success of those who are called to the difficult task of teaching and governing our children. The best teacher is without power among his pupils, unless parents by their influence clothe him with that power. They can do it if they will. Let scholars, then, in all they hear from the lips of their parents see that their teacher is respected. To err is human, and to suppose a teacher incapable of error, is to suppose him a superhuman being. Therefore, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of their children, parents should be cautious how they condemn the teacher. If a teacher does an imaginary wrong, or severely *whips* a scholar, will it help the scholar or the school, for the father to threaten to flog the master, or to raise a commotion in the district? or will it help the scholar if the parent, with the tongue of slander, fall upon the teacher, and destroy his reputation? If the teacher fail to conduct the affairs of the school in a manner to suit the fancy of the parent, it is much better to seek a private interview with the teacher.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S.

Great caution should be used in expending school money. To expend it in the best manner is no less difficult than it is important. As the grand secret of success in a school lies with the teacher, no pains should be spared in securing the services of competent ones—teachers whose presence, words or looks, will restrain the wayward, arouse the indolent to activity, and direct the studious—who, like the main spring of a watch, will keep every wheel in constant, regular and successful motion. Hence the importance of selecting suitable persons for prudential committees. A man elected to this office should be willing to spend a little time in securing a teacher suitable for the task. He should not wait for one to come along, but he should be on the *alert* and secure the services of a faithful and competent instructor, even if he has to pay a good price. We are not advocating the payment of extravagant prices to teachers, because we know that there are well qualified persons enough to be obtained for a fair remuneration, who will render services equivalent to the demand. No person can afford to qualify himself or herself for a teacher without a fair remuneration for their services; and we believe there are many persons of fine talents and good education,

who are, or might become good teachers, who will not offer their services as such, because they do not wish to come in competition with the host of transient pedagogues who stroll about through the country in quest of plunder. Prudential Committees should not only be cautious in selecting teachers, but they should also secure them *early*, and require them to appear seasonably before the examining committee. One instance (of late appearance) has occurred during the past year which we think deserves notice. A young man from a distance appeared before us for examination, and on inquiry we learned that he wished to commence the school *that day*, and that the scholars had already assembled at the school-house. We gave him the "*required examination*" and formed the opinion that he was poorly qualified to instruct the school. We felt, however, that as it was the *eleventh* hour, the prudential committee might not be able to procure the services of a competent teacher, and after making considerable allowance for the candidates embarrassment, and allowing his recommendations (which were from high authority) to have *some* weight, we concluded to call him *barely* qualified. His success in the school was what might be expected—about a fourth rate school. These remarks are not made for the purpose of censuring prudential committees, but with the hope that they may be of utility hereafter.

In closing, we tender our thanks to parents, teachers and scholars, for their courtesy and kindness, and hoping that the duties of our office may fall into abler hands, we resign our trust and decline a re-election.

ALEXIS PROCTOR,

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Derry, N. H., Feb. 20, 1860.

STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

DISTRICT No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Length of school in weeks,	17	16	10	11	9	9	11½	9	12	8½	10	8
Number of pupils,	51	56	30	46	28	17	30	37	23	12	20	13
Average No. attending,	37	48	29	40	23	15	26	34	17	11	12	12
No. over 16 years old,				1				3		1		1
Wages of teacher per mo.,	\$18	\$20	\$15	\$16	\$15	\$16	\$16	\$18	\$10	\$12	\$12	\$16

WINTER TERM.

DISTRICT No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Length of school in weeks,	*	12	12	9	9	6½	11	10	11		12	7
Number of pupils,		35	30	54	28	12	40	47	30		20	18
Average No. attending,		33	26	48	21	8	28	42	24		16	17
No. over 16 years old,			3	10	4		4	11	4			1
Wages of teacher per mo.,		\$40	\$15	\$36	\$16	\$16	\$33	\$30	\$28	Only one Term.	\$16	\$16

*Not finished.